



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

325th Fighter Wing
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BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins is commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Fighter Wing, comprised of 4,100 personnel and 78 F-15 aircraft, trains pilots, controllers, and support personnel for worldwide assignment to combat air superiority units.

Hodgkins spent his last assignment as the deputy commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He was the principal adviser to the commander on North American Aerospace Defense Command matters and assumed command of NORAD forces assigned to CANR in the commander's absence. He was responsible for ensuring that the Region Battle Staff, the subordinate Sector Air Operations Center, air defense fighter units, radar sensors, intelligence, and command and control assets performed as a team to provide peacetime air sovereignty and tactical warning of attack on North America 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He interfaced directly with senior officials in Canada and the United States to coordinate operations and prepare joint battle and support plans for CANR forces to include counternarcotics activities. As the senior Air Force officer in Canada, he maintained oversight of the U.S. Air Force-to-Canada exchange program and represented the U.S. Air Force at activities involving senior military and civilian officials.

The general was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1974 and is a career aviator, having served as a navigator early in his career, and then as an F-15 pilot since 1978. He has been assigned in a variety of flying, staff and command positions in the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Pacific. Hodgkins also served as the director of operations (J-3), U.S. Forces, Japan, Yokota Air Base. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours.



EDUCATION:

1970 Bachelor of science degree in secondary education, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
1973 Master of education degree in education administration, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
1974 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1982 U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
1983 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1986 Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1995 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1997 Program for Executives, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1974 - December 1974, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. December 1974 - May 1975, student and outstanding graduate, Strategic Air Command Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
3. June 1975 - May 1977, EC-135 and RC-135 navigator, 2nd Airborne Command Control Squadron and 343rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
4. May 1977 - April 1978, student and outstanding graduate, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

5. April 1978 - January 1979, student and outstanding graduate, F-15 upgrade training, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
6. January 1979 - March 1983, F-15 aircraft commander, instructor pilot, standardization and evaluation pilot, later, unit weapons and tactics officer, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (March 1982 - July 1982, F-15 student, USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.)
7. March 1983 - June 1985, F-15 instructor pilot and wing weapons and tactics officer, 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kadena Air Force Base, Japan
8. June 1985 - June 1986, student, Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
9. June 1986 - January 1988, air operations joint staff officer supporting NORAD, NATO, CF-18 and CF-5 weapons programs, Canadian Forces National Defense Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
10. January 1988 - June 1989, chief, Weapons and Tactics Division, 1st Tactical Wing Fighter, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
11. June 1989 - September 1992, chief, Weapons and Tactics Division, later, chief, Special Programs Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
12. September 1992 - June 1993, deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters 17th Air Force, Sembach Air Base, Germany
13. June 1993 - August 1994, commander, 32nd Fighter Group, Soesterberg Air Base, Netherlands
14. August 1994 - June 1995, student and class president, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
15. June 1995 - September 1995, chief, War Plans and Mobilization Division, Directorate of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. September 1995 - May 1996, chief, Regional Plans and Issues Division, and member, U.S. and Canada Permanent Joint Board for Defense, Directorate of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
17. May 1996 - March 1997, executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. March 1997 - May 1998, director of operations (J-3), U.S. Forces, Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan.
19. June 1998 - July 2000, deputy commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
20. August 2000 - present, commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Panama City, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,300

Aircraft flown: T-29, T-43, KC-135, EC-135, RC-135, T-41, T-37, T-38, CT-33 and F-15 A/B/C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1984 U.S. Air Force Tactical Deception Officer of the Year

1985 Chennault Award winner (Outstanding U.S. Air Force Aerial Warfare Tactician)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Apr 14, 1974

First Lieutenant Apr 24, 1976

Captain May 1, 1978

Major Oct 1, 1983

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 1987

Colonel Oct 1, 1992

Brigadier General Nov 1, 1998

(Current as of January 2001)